



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB5278

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Provides that residents of this State may obtain a 5-year fishing license. Provides that the fee for a 5-year fishing license is \$62.50. Provides that for residents age 65 or older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year fishing license. Provides that for resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year fishing license. Provides that residents of this State may obtain a 5-year sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as residents holding a license and to the same hunting privileges as residents holding a license to hunt all species under the Wildlife Code. Provides that the 5-year sportsmen's combination license fee shall be \$112.50. Provides that no sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to any individual who would be ineligible for either the fishing or hunting license separately. Provides that for residents age 65 or older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year sportsmen's combination license. Provides that for resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year sportsmen's combination license. Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that residents of this State may obtain a 5-year hunting license to hunt all species for \$52. Provides that for residents age 65 or older and resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year hunting license.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning fishing and hunting.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by
5 changing Section 20-45 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/20-45) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-45)

7 Sec. 20-45. License fees for residents. Fees for licenses
8 for residents of the State of Illinois shall be as follows:

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for
10 sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or
11 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, the fee is
12 \$14.50 for individuals 16 to 64 years old, one-half of the
13 current fishing license fee for individuals age 65 or
14 older, and, commencing with the 2012 license year, one-half
15 of the current fishing license fee for resident veterans of
16 the United States Armed Forces after returning from service
17 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United
18 States. Veterans must provide, to the Department at one of
19 the Department's 5 regional offices, verification of their
20 service. The Department shall establish what constitutes
21 suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing
22 fishing licenses to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

23 (a-3) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for

1 sport fishing devices as defined in Section 10-95 or
2 spearing devices as defined in Section 10-110, residents of
3 this State may obtain a 5-year fishing license. The fee for
4 a 5-year fishing license is \$62.50. For residents age 65 or
5 older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year
6 fishing license. For resident veterans of the United States
7 Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or
8 mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee
9 is one-half of the fee charged for a 5-year fishing
10 license. Veterans must provide to the Department, at one of
11 the Department's 5 regional offices, verification of their
12 service. The Department shall establish what constitutes
13 suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing
14 5-year fishing licenses to resident veterans at a reduced
15 fee.

16 (a-5) The fee for all sport fishing licenses shall be
17 \$1 for an annual license and \$4 for a 5-year license for
18 residents over 75 years of age.

19 (b) All residents before using any commercial fishing
20 device shall obtain a commercial fishing license, the fee
21 for which shall be \$60 and a resident fishing license, the
22 fee for which is \$14.50. Each and every commercial device
23 used shall be licensed by a resident commercial fisherman
24 as follows:

25 (1) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction thereof,
26 of seine the fee is \$18. For each minnow seine, minnow

1 trap, or net for commercial purposes the fee is \$20.

2 (2) For each device to fish with a 100 hook trot
3 line device, basket trap, hoop net, or dip net the fee
4 is \$3.

5 (3) When used in the waters of Lake Michigan, for
6 the first 2000 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, of
7 gill net the fee is \$10; and for each 1000 additional
8 lineal feet, or fraction thereof, the fee is \$10. These
9 fees shall apply to all gill nets in use in the water
10 or on drying reels on the shore.

11 (4) For each 100 lineal yards, or fraction thereof,
12 of gill net or trammel net the fee is \$18.

13 (c) Residents of this ~~the~~ State ~~of Illinois~~ may obtain
14 a sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the
15 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as
16 residents holding a license as described in subsection (a)
17 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as
18 residents holding a license to hunt all species as
19 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No
20 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to any
21 individual who would be ineligible for either the fishing
22 or hunting license separately. The sportsmen's combination
23 license fee shall be \$25.50. For residents age 65 or older,
24 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a sportsmen's
25 combination license. For resident veterans of the United
26 States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or

1 mobilization by the President of the United States, the
2 fee, commencing with the 2012 license year, is one-half of
3 the fee charged for a sportsmen's combination license.
4 Veterans must provide to the Department, at one of the
5 Department's 5 regional offices, verification of their
6 service. The Department shall establish what constitutes
7 suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing
8 sportsmen's combination licenses to resident veterans at a
9 reduced fee.

10 (c-5) Residents of this State may obtain a 5-year
11 sportsmen's combination license that shall entitle the
12 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as
13 residents holding a license as described in subsection
14 (a-3) of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as
15 residents holding a license to hunt all species as
16 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No 5-year
17 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to any
18 individual who would be ineligible for either the fishing
19 or hunting license separately. The 5-year sportsmen's
20 combination license fee shall be \$112.50. For residents age
21 65 or older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a
22 5-year sportsmen's combination license. For resident
23 veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning
24 from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the
25 United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a
26 5-year sportsmen's combination license. Veterans must

1 provide to the Department, at one of the Department's 5
2 regional offices, verification of their service. The
3 Department shall establish what constitutes suitable
4 verification of service for the purpose of issuing 5-year
5 sportsmen's combination licenses to resident veterans at a
6 reduced fee.

7 (d) For 24 hours of fishing by sport fishing devices as
8 defined in Section 10-95 or by spearing devices as defined
9 in Section 10-110 the fee is \$5. This license does not
10 exempt the licensee from the requirement for a salmon or
11 inland trout stamp. The licenses provided for by this
12 subsection are not required for residents of the State of
13 Illinois who have obtained the license provided for in
14 subsection (a) or (a-3) of this Section.

15 (e) All residents before using any commercial mussel
16 device shall obtain a commercial mussel license, the fee
17 for which shall be \$50.

18 (f) Residents of this State, upon establishing
19 residency as required by the Department, may obtain a
20 lifetime hunting or fishing license or lifetime
21 sportsmen's combination license which shall entitle the
22 holder to the same non-commercial fishing privileges as
23 residents holding a license as described in paragraph (a)
24 of this Section and to the same hunting privileges as
25 residents holding a license to hunt all species as
26 described in Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code. No lifetime

1 sportsmen's combination license shall be issued to or
2 retained by any individual who would be ineligible for
3 either the fishing or hunting license separately, either
4 upon issuance, or in any year a violation would subject an
5 individual to have either or both fishing or hunting
6 privileges rescinded. The lifetime hunting and fishing
7 license fees shall be as follows:

8 (1) Lifetime fishing: 30 x the current fishing
9 license fee.

10 (2) Lifetime hunting: 30 x the current hunting
11 license fee.

12 (3) Lifetime sportsmen's combination license: 30 x
13 the current sportsmen's combination license fee.

14 Lifetime licenses shall not be refundable. A \$10 fee shall
15 be charged for reissuing any lifetime license. The Department
16 may establish rules and regulations for the issuance and use of
17 lifetime licenses and may suspend or revoke any lifetime
18 license issued under this Section for violations of those rules
19 or regulations or other provisions under this Code or the
20 Wildlife Code. Individuals under 16 years of age who possess a
21 lifetime hunting or sportsmen's combination license shall have
22 in their possession, while in the field, a certificate of
23 competency as required under Section 3.2 of the Wildlife Code.
24 Any lifetime license issued under this Section shall not exempt
25 individuals from obtaining additional stamps or permits
26 required under the provisions of this Code or the Wildlife

1 Code. Individuals required to purchase additional stamps shall
2 sign the stamps and have them in their possession while fishing
3 or hunting with a lifetime license. All fees received from the
4 issuance of lifetime licenses shall be deposited in the Fish
5 and Wildlife Endowment Fund.

6 Except for licenses issued under subsection (a-3), (c-5),
7 or (e) of this Section, all licenses provided for in this
8 Section shall expire on March 31 of each year, except that the
9 license provided for in subsection (d) of this Section shall
10 expire 24 hours after the effective date and time listed on the
11 face of the license. Licenses issued under subsection (a-3) or
12 (c-5) of this Section shall expire on March 31 of the 4th year
13 after the year in which the license is issued.

14 All individuals required to have and failing to have the
15 license provided for in subsection (a), (a-3), or (d) of this
16 Section shall be fined according to the provisions of Section
17 20-35 of this Code.

18 All individuals required to have and failing to have the
19 licenses provided for in subsections (b) and (e) of this
20 Section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

21 (Source: P.A. 97-498, eff. 4-1-12; 97-1136, eff. 1-1-13;
22 98-800, eff. 8-1-14.)

23 Section 10. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing
24 Section 3.2 as follows:

1 (520 ILCS 5/3.2) (from Ch. 61, par. 3.2)

2 Sec. 3.2. Hunting license; application; instruction.
3 Before the Department or any county, city, village, township,
4 incorporated town clerk or his duly designated agent or any
5 other person authorized or designated by the Department to
6 issue hunting licenses shall issue a hunting license to any
7 person, the person shall file his application with the
8 Department or other party authorized to issue licenses on a
9 form provided by the Department and further give definite proof
10 of identity and place of legal residence. Each clerk
11 designating agents to issue licenses and stamps shall furnish
12 the Department, within 10 days following the appointment, the
13 names and mailing addresses of the agents. Each clerk or his
14 duly designated agent shall be authorized to sell licenses and
15 stamps only within the territorial area for which he was
16 elected or appointed. No duly designated agent is authorized to
17 furnish licenses or stamps for issuance by any other business
18 establishment. Each application shall be executed and sworn to
19 and shall set forth the name and description of the applicant
20 and place of residence.

21 No hunting license shall be issued to any person born on or
22 after January 1, 1980 unless he presents the person authorized
23 to issue the license evidence that he has held a hunting
24 license issued by the State of Illinois or another state in a
25 prior year, or a certificate of competency as provided in this
26 Section. Persons under 16 years of age may be issued a Lifetime

1 Hunting or Sportsmen's Combination License as provided under
2 Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code but shall not
3 be entitled to hunt unless they have a certificate of
4 competency as provided in this Section and they shall have the
5 certificate in their possession while hunting.

6 The Department of Natural Resources shall authorize
7 personnel of the Department or certified volunteer instructors
8 to conduct courses, of not less than 10 hours in length, in
9 firearms and hunter safety, which may include training in bow
10 and arrow safety, at regularly specified intervals throughout
11 the State. Persons successfully completing the course shall
12 receive a certificate of competency. The Department of Natural
13 Resources may further cooperate with any reputable association
14 or organization in establishing courses if the organization has
15 as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the
16 handling of firearms or bow and arrow.

17 The Department of Natural Resources shall designate any
18 person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the
19 handling of firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. The
20 persons so appointed shall give the course of instruction and
21 upon the successful completion shall issue to the person
22 instructed a certificate of competency in the safe handling of
23 firearms, hunter safety, and bow and arrow. No charge shall be
24 made for any course of instruction except for materials or
25 ammunition consumed. The Department of Natural Resources shall
26 furnish information on the requirements of hunter safety

1 education programs to be distributed free of charge to
2 applicants for hunting licenses by the persons appointed and
3 authorized to issue licenses. Funds for the conducting of
4 firearms and hunter safety courses shall be taken from the fee
5 charged for the Firearm Owners Identification Card.

6 The fee for a hunting license to hunt all species for a
7 resident of Illinois is \$12. For residents age 65 or older,
8 and, commencing with the 2012 license year, resident veterans
9 of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service
10 abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States,
11 the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a hunting license to
12 hunt all species for a resident of Illinois. Veterans must
13 provide to the Department, at one of the Department's 5
14 regional offices, verification of their service. The
15 Department shall establish what constitutes suitable
16 verification of service for the purpose of issuing resident
17 veterans hunting licenses at a reduced fee. The fee for a
18 hunting license to hunt all species shall be \$1 for residents
19 over 75 years of age. Nonresidents shall be charged \$57 for a
20 hunting license.

21 Residents of this State may obtain a 5-year hunting license
22 to hunt all species for \$52. For residents age 65 or older and
23 resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after
24 returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President
25 of the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged
26 for a 5-year hunting license to hunt all species for a resident

1 of this State. Veterans must provide to the Department, at one
2 of the Department's 5 regional offices, verification of their
3 service. The Department shall establish what constitutes
4 suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing
5 resident veterans 5-year hunting licenses at a reduced fee.

6 Nonresidents may be issued a nonresident hunting license
7 for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days' hunting in the
8 State and shall be charged a fee of \$35.

9 A special nonresident hunting license authorizing a
10 nonresident to take game birds by hunting on a game breeding
11 and hunting preserve area only, established under Section 3.27,
12 shall be issued upon proper application being made and payment
13 of a fee equal to that for a resident hunting license. The
14 expiration date of this license shall be on the same date each
15 year that game breeding and hunting preserve area licenses
16 expire.

17 Each applicant for a State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp,
18 regardless of his residence or other condition, shall pay a fee
19 of \$15 and shall receive a stamp. The fee for a State Migratory
20 Waterfowl Stamp shall be waived for residents over 75 years of
21 age. Except as provided under Section 20-45 of the Fish and
22 Aquatic Life Code, the stamp shall be signed by the person or
23 affixed to his license or permit in a space designated by the
24 Department for that purpose.

25 Each applicant for a State Habitat Stamp, regardless of his
26 residence or other condition, shall pay a fee of \$5 and shall

1 receive a stamp. The fee for a State Habitat Stamp shall be
2 waived for residents over 75 years of age. Except as provided
3 under Section 20-45 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the
4 stamp shall be signed by the person or affixed to his license
5 or permit in a space designated by the Department for that
6 purpose.

7 Nothing in this Section shall be construed as to require
8 the purchase of more than one State Habitat Stamp by any person
9 in any one license year.

10 The fees for State Pheasant Stamps and State Furbearer
11 Stamps shall be waived for residents over 75 years of age.

12 The Department shall furnish the holders of hunting
13 licenses and stamps with an insignia as evidence of possession
14 of license, or license and stamp, as the Department may
15 consider advisable. The insignia shall be exhibited and used as
16 the Department may order.

17 All other hunting licenses and all State stamps shall
18 expire upon March 31 of each year. Five-year hunting licenses
19 shall expire on March 31 of the 4th year after the year in
20 which the license is issued.

21 Every person holding any license, permit, or stamp issued
22 under the provisions of this Act shall have it in his
23 possession for immediate presentation for inspection to the
24 officers and authorized employees of the Department, any
25 sheriff, deputy sheriff, or any other peace officer making a
26 demand for it. This provision shall not apply to Department

1 owned or managed sites where it is required that all hunters
2 deposit their license, permit, or Firearm Owner's
3 Identification Card at the check station upon entering the
4 hunting areas.

5 (Source: P.A. 97-498, eff. 4-1-12; 98-800, eff. 8-1-14.)

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